NEGRO APPOINTED FOR JUDGE ORLEANS

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The first Negro to be appointed a New Orleans judge in modern times was named to Criminal District Court today by Gov. John J. McKeithen as the governor filled two vacancies on the bench.

McKeithen announced in Baton Rouge he is appointing Israel M. Augustine and Alvin V. Oser to fill two newly created judgeships.

Augustine is a Negro attorney who long has been active in civil rights and human relations activities here.

OSER IS EXECUTIVE assistant to New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and frequently acted as prosecutor for the DA in key trials.

The two judgeships were created in 1968 by the legislature to be effective when funds were provided.

The funds were made available by the just-completed session of the legislature. The appointments are effective immediately and will terminate Dec. 31, 1970. Both judgeships will be up for election in November, 1970.

Augustine, who will serve in Section I of Criminal District Court, is a graduate of Lincoln University Law School and now is serving on the faculty of Southern University in New Orleans.

DURING THE UNREST on the SUNO campus this spring, Augustine frequently was in touch with the governor. When McKeithen visited SUNO, it was Augustine who introduced him and later helped mediate a temporary truce on the campus.

Oser is a graduate of Tulane University Law School. He will serve in Section J of Criminal District Court.

There currently are eight criminal court judges. Judges are elected for 12-year terms and receive $21,000 a year. The 1970 elections will be held at the same time as congressional elections.

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